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functional but are unable to induce differentiation in these primitive
neuron-like tumor cells, implying that high-efficiency receptor-mediated
endocytosis of **NGF** and its receptor may be a necessary step in
the cascade of events

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Introduction of nerve growth factor (**NGF**)
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expression of high- and low-affinity **NGF**
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TITLE: Methods and compositions for gene, tumor, and viral infection therapy and prevention of programmed cell death (apoptosis)
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PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Arch Development Corp., USA
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AB Programmed cell death in neurons is prevented or treated by gene therapy using a nonpathogenic vector contg. the .gamma.134.5 gene of herpes simplex virus type 1 (HSV-1), or by treatment with the expression product of this gene, protein ICP34.5, or its functional equivs. The function of .gamma.134.5 is to protect infected nerve cells from shutoff of protein synthesis and consequent programmed cell death, thereby promoting neuronal survival and virus replication and spreading; .gamma.134.5 and ICP34.5 may thus extend the lifetime of nonregenerating neurons in neurodegenerative diseases. The .gamma.134.5 gene and its product also protect neurons and other cells from environmental stresses which may lead to apoptosis, e.g. UV and NGF deprivation. Candidate drugs for extending the viability of cells are screened in **neuroblastoma** cells contg. or lacking the .gamma.134.5 gene by applying such stresses and subsequently measuring the cells' viability. The vector may be HSV-1 or HSV-2 altered by deletion of the ICP4, .alpha.4, or .alpha.0 gene to render it nonpathogenic, an altered **retrovirus**, vaccinia virus, picornavirus, coronavirus, bunyavirus, togavirus, or rhabdovirus, or a multipotent neural cell line. Thus, a mouse cerebellar progenitor cell line was **transduced** with replication-incompetent retroviral vector BAG contg. gene .gamma.134.5, then cocultured with a primary culture of dissociated neonatal mouse cerebellum cells which were finally injected into newborn mice to prevent neuronal degeneration.

modify reconstitution and **transducibility** of infused marrow.
Clinical studies using this approach have now begun.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 92046361 MEDLINE
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 92046361 PubMed ID: 1658386
TITLE: Human cytomegalovirus inhibits human immunodeficiency
virus replication in cells productively infected by both
viruses.
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AB We have been studying the role of human cytomegalovirus (HCMV) as a potential cofactor in human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)-related disease. The clinical relevance of HCMV is highlighted by the fact that it is a principal viral pathogen in patients with AIDS and is known to infect the same cells as HIV. In this study, we focused on the molecular interactions

between HIV and HCMV in human fibroblasts and in the human glioblastoma/astrocytoma-derived cell line U373 MG, cells which can be productively infected by both viruses. Because these cells are CD4-, we used HIV pseudotyped with a murine amphotropic retrovirus as described previously (D. H. Spector, E. Wade, D. A. Wright, V. Koval, C. Clark, D. Jaquish, and S. A. Spector, J. Virol. 64:2298-2308, 1990). Initial studies showed that when cells were preinfected with HIV (Ampho-1B) for 5 days and then superinfected with HCMV, HIV antigen production dropped significantly in the coinfecting cells but continued to rise in cells infected with HIV (Ampho-1B) alone. HCMV production, however, was unaffected by the presence of HIV. Further analysis showed that HIV steady-state RNA levels and gag and env protein production were also inhibited in the presence of HCMV. The transcriptional inhibition of HIV was particularly surprising in view of the previous results of several

other laboratories as well as our own that HCMV infection stimulates HIV long terminal repeat-chloramphenicol acetyltransferase (LTR-CAT) expression in transient expression assays. To investigate this further, we

transfected the HIV LTR-CAT construct into either uninfected cells or cells which had been preinfected with HIV. The cells were infected with

HCMV 24 h posttransfection and assayed for CAT gene expression at 48 h after HCMV infection. Although there was some stimulation of the LTR-CAT in cells that were dually infected by HIV and HCMV, it was 16-fold less than that in the cells infected only with HCMV. This suggests that in the presence of the HIV infection, the stimulation of the HIV LTR-CAT gene by HCMV is significantly reduced. Experiments with UV-irradiated HCMV and the

HCMV DNA polymerase inhibitor ganciclovir showed that HCMV transcription is necessary for the reduction in HIV production to occur; however, replication of the HCMV genome or any events which take place after DNA replication are not necessary. These results, coupled with the observation

that inhibition is usually first seen between 8 and 24 h after HCMV infection, suggest that an HCMV early protein is involved in repression of HIV.

L4 ANSWER 85 OF 94 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1993:117781 CAPLUS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 118:117781
TITLE: A rat brain mRNA encoding a transcriptional activator homologous to the DNA binding domain of retroviral integrases
AUTHOR(S): Duilio, Angela; Zambrano, Nicola; Mogavero, Anna
Rita;
CORPORATE SOURCE: Ammendola, Rosario; Cimino, Filiberto; Russo, Tommaso
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AB A rat cDNA was isolated (named FE65) hybridizing to an mRNA of about 2300 nucleotides present in rat brain, undetectable in rat liver, and very poorly represented in other tissues. An mRNA of the same size is present in human **neuroblastoma** cells and is absent from other human cell lines. The FE65 cDNA contains an open reading frame (ORF) coding for a polypeptide of 499 amino acids in which 143 residues can be aligned with the DNA-binding domain of the integrases encoded by mammalian immunodeficiency viruses. The remaining part of the FE65 ORF is not homologous with the correspondent regions of the integrases; the first

206 residues of the FE65 ORF show numerous neg. charges and a short sequence not dispensable for the function of the transactivating acidic domain of the jun family transcriptional factors. A plasmid which expresses FE65 amino acids 1-232 fused to the yeast GAL4 DNA-binding domain was co-transfected with a plasmid contg. five GAL4-binding sites upstream of a minimal adenovirus promoter controlling the expression of the CAT gene. This expt. showed that the fused protein GAL4-FE65 is able to obtain a 30-40-fold increase of the CAT gene expression compared to the expression obsd. in the presence of the GAL4 DNA-binding domain alone. Two types of FE65 mRNA are present in rat brain, differing only by six nucleotides. It is demonstrated that this is the consequence of a neuron-specific alternative splicing of a six-nucleotide miniexon, which is also present in the human genome, in an intron/exon context very similar to that of the rat FE65 gene.

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TITLE: Introduction of nerve growth factor (NGF) receptors into a medulloblastoma cell line results in expression of high- and low-affinity NGF receptors but not NGF-mediated differentiation.
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L4 ANSWER 87 OF 94 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS DUPLICATE 31
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1989:568631 CAPLUS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 111:168631
TITLE: Retroviral transfer of a human tyrosine hydroxylase cDNA in various cell lines: regulated release of dopamine in mouse anterior pituitary

ATT-20

AUTHOR(S): Horellou, Philippe; Guibert, Bernard; Leviel, Vincent;
Mallet, Jacques
CORPORATE SOURCE: Lab. Neurobiol. Cell. Mol., Cent. Natl. Rech. Sci., Gif-sur-Yvette, 91198, Fr.
SOURCE: Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America (1989), 86(18), 7233-7
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AB Little is known about the mol. events mediating neurotransmitter release, a crucial step in synaptic transmission. In this paper, the biosynthesis and release of L-beta.-3,4-dihydroxyphenylalanine (L-DOPA) and dopamine were analyzed in 3 heterologous cell lines after retroviral-mediated gene transfer of tyrosine hydroxylase (EC 1.14.16.2), the rate-limiting enzyme in catecholamine synthesis. A recombinant retrovirus encoding human tyrosine hydroxylase type I as well as neomycin-resistance gene was used to infect a fibroblast (NIH 3T3), a neuroblastoma (NS20 Y), and a neuroendocrine (ATT-20) cell line. After selection in the presence of neomycin and in tyrosine-free medium, high levels of exogenous

tyrosine hydroxylase activity were detected in exts. of the 3 cell lines. High-performance liq. chromatog. of cell exts. and culture supernatants confirmed that the three cell lines hydroxylated tyrosine to form L-DOPA and released this metabolite into the culture medium. Interestingly, the

neuroendocrine cell line AtT-20 synthesized not only L-DOPA but also dopamine. Evoked secretion studies established that AtT-20 cells released

the transmitter upon depolarization in a regulated, calcium-dependent way.

The implication of this approach for the analyses of neurotransmitter release as well as in the context of degenerative disorders such as Parkinson disease is discussed.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1989:491588 CAPLUS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 111:91588
TITLE: Activation of muscle-specific genes in pigment,
nerve,
fat, liver, and fibroblast cell lines by forced
expression of MyoD
AUTHOR(S): Weintraub, Harold; Tapscott, Stephen J.; Davis,
Robert
CORPORATE SOURCE: L.; Thayer, Mathew J.; Adam, Mohammed A.; Lassar,
Andrew B.; Miller, A. Dusty
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USA
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the
United States of America (1989), 86(14), 5434-8
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AB MyoD is a master regulatory gene for myogenesis. Under the control of a retroviral long terminal repeat, MyoD was expressed in a variety of differentiated cell types by using either a DNA **transfection** vector or a **retrovirus**. Expression of muscle-specific proteins was obsd. in chicken, human, and rat primary fibroblasts and in differentiated melanoma, **neuroblastoma**, liver, and adipocyte lines. The ability of MyoD to activate muscle genes in a variety of differentiated cell lines suggests that no addnl. tissue-specific factors other than MyoD are needed to activate the downstream program for terminal muscle differentiation or that, if such factors exist, they are themselves activated by MyoD expression.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1989:474091 CAPLUS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 111:74091
TITLE: Rapid dot blot quantitation of viral DNA and
amplified
genes in less than 1,000 human cells
AUTHOR(S): Lion, Thomas; Razvi, Nighet; Hutchinson, Mary Ann;
CORPORATE SOURCE: Golomb, Harvey M.; Brownstein, Bernard H.
IL, Jt. Sect. Hematol./Oncol., Univ. Chicago, Chicago,
60637, USA
SOURCE: DNA (1989), 8(5), 361-7
DOCUMENT TYPE: CODEN: DNAADR; ISSN: 0198-0238
LANGUAGE: Journal
English

AB The copy no. of intracellular DNA sequences can be quantitated rapidly with great sensitivity in 100-1,000 cells as starting material. The method applies DNA from lysed cells to a charged nylon membrane that permits successive hybridizations with probes for different genes or DNA sequences. This method was tested with 8 types of human cells, including leukemic cells, and has detected Epstein-Barr virus (DNA virus) in immortalized cells, integrated HTLV-I (RNA **retrovirus**) in infected cells, and detd. copy nos. of the amplified multiple

drug-resistance gene in human cells resistant to various cytotoxic agents.

It could also be used for estg. copy no. of transfected DNA in human or other mammalian cells. The described method is not as sensitive as polymerase chain reaction may potentially prove, but is easily quantitated for accurate clin. diagnosis where sensitive and quant. assays

must be carried out on a limited no. of cells. Examples of the method's clin. application are the staging of human neuroblastomas and the evaluation of oncogene amplification, which has prognostic value for both overall survival and relapse time in breast cancer patients.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1989:630340 CAPLUS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 111:230340
TITLE: A novel experimental approach to immunotherapy
against malignant brain tumor with mouse IFN-.gamma. gene transfer

AUTHOR(S): Nishihara, Kiyoshi
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SOURCE: Archiv fuer Japanische Chirurgie (1989), 58(1), 18-42
CODEN: NIGHAE; ISSN: 0003-9152

DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal
LANGUAGE: Japanese

AB To investigate the effect of interferon-.gamma. (IFN-.gamma.) on immunotherapy, the autocrine stimulated system in which a mouse IFN-.gamma. cDNA was transferred by infection with a chimeric retrovirus contg. the IFN-.gamma. gene was used. A tumor-specific CTL clone (E-4) against 203-glioma cells (a 20-methylcholanthrene-induced mouse ependymoblastoma line of C57BL/6 mouse origin) was established, and the murine IFN-.gamma. cDNA was transferred into E-4 by using a retroviral vector (pSVX(Mu .gamma. .DELTA.A)). Out of 5 gene-transferred subclones, E.gamma.-4, E.gamma.-5, E.gamma.-6, E.gamma.-7 and E.gamma.-9, 2 subclones (E.gamma.-6 and E.gamma.-9) constitutively produced 8- and 10-fold amts. of IFN-.gamma. as compared with the parental E-4. These 2 subclones exhibited 2-3 times higher killing activity against 203-glioma than the parental cells. Enhancement of the killing activities was abrogated by addn. of anti-IFN-.gamma. antibody. The results indicate that the IFN-.gamma. gene transfer system could be used as a novel therapeutical approach to tumors; survival

times of tumor-bearing mice were prolonged by the active immunization of neuroblastoma cells before the tumor transplantation.

Retrovirus-mediated transfer of cytokine genes may be applied to a modified immunotherapy for cancer in the future.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1984:172483 CAPLUS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 100:172483
TITLE: Chromosomal aberrations and retrovirus-like particles produced by in vivo transplantation in neoplastic brain cells of a Drosophila mutant strain

AUTHOR(S): Ryo, Haruko; Shiba, Tadayoshi; Fukunaga, Akihiro; Kondo, Sohei; Gateff, Elisabeth
CORPORATE SOURCE: Fac. Med., Osaka Univ., Osaka, 530, Japan
SOURCE: Gann (1984), 75(1), 22-8
CODEN: GANNA2; ISSN: 0016-450X

DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal
LANGUAGE: English

AB The recessive mutation lethal(2) giant larva4 (l(2)gl4) of D. melanogaster

causes the development of malignant tumors in the whole brain of homozygous larvae. A mutant brain fragment implanted into the abdomen of a wild-type adult female kills the host in .apprx.10 days. Neuroblasts in

situ in 1(2)gl4 larvae showed normal karyotypes, but, when cultured in adult abdomens for 1 transfer generation, apprx. 10% of the cells showed chromosome aberrations. Subculturing the neuroblasts for 4 transfer generations showed that malignancy (i.e., lethality to the host) as well as chromosomal abnormalities increased with time of subculture. Many virus-like particles were detected in 1(2)gl4 neuroblasts after in vivo culture, whereas no such particles were detected

in 1(2)gl4 neuroblasts in situ in larvae. These particles contained RNAs homologous in sequence to the DNA of the movable element copia. They were

indistinguishable from previously identified retrovirus-like particles in cultured Drosophila cells. Possibly the 1(2)gl4 mutation reduces the genome integrity, resulting in transplantation-triggered genetic abnormalities, such as chromosomal abnormalities, increased transcription or replication of copia elements, and prodn. of retrovirus-like particles.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1984:80638 CAPLUS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 100:80638

TITLE: Characterization of human transforming genes from chemically transformed, teratocarcinoma, and pancreatic carcinoma cell lines

AUTHOR(S): Cooper, Colin S.; Blair, Donald G.; Oskarsson, Marianne K.; Tainsky, Michael A.; Eader, Lou A.; Woude, George F. Vande

CORPORATE SOURCE: Frederick Cancer Res. Facil., Natl. Cancer Inst., Frederick, MD, 21701, USA

SOURCE: Cancer Research (1984), 44(1), 1-10
CODEN: CNREA8; ISSN: 0008-5472

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LANGUAGE: English

AB Dominant transforming genes that were transferred to mouse NIH3T3 cells by cellular DNAs prep'd. from a chem. transformed human cell line (MNNG-HOS), a human teratocarcinoma cell line (PA1), and a human pancreatic carcinoma cell line (A1165) were characterized. The repetitive

human DNA sequences that were assocd. with the transforming gene were exmd., and their relationships to the oncogenes of the Harvey (rasH) and Kirsten (rasK) sarcoma viruses and to the human neuroblastoma transforming gene (rasN) were detd. Apparently, the transforming gene activated in the teratocarcinoma cell line is identical to the neuroblastoma transforming gene, and the transforming gene of the pancreatic carcinoma cell line is a human homolog of rasK. In contrast, the transforming gene activated in the chem. transformed human cell line showed no detectable homol. to rasK, rasH, and rasN.

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TITLE: Oncogene.

AUTHOR: Hagino-Yamagishi K; Toyoshima K

SOURCE: GAN TO KAGAKU RYOH [JAPANESE JOURNAL OF CANCER AND CHEMOTHERAPY], (1983 Jul) 10 (7) 1557-63. Ref: 50
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AB Retroviruses have long been fascinating to biologists because of

their capacity to induce neoplasms in various animals. The transformation of the cells by the viruses was due to their oncogene-products. The viral oncogenes were thought to be originated from DNA in normal cells by recombination events between **retroviruses** and cellular oncogenes. Recently, many cellular oncogenes were identified in human cancerous cells by the DNA **transfection** method, some of which were found to contain sequences related with already known viral oncogenes. On the other hand, the research on the relation between these oncogenes and chromosomal translocation associated with carcinogenesis is now in progress.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 82272383 MEDLINE
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 82272383 PubMed ID: 6287287
TITLE: A transforming gene present in human sarcoma cell lines.
AUTHOR: Marshall C J; Hall A; Weiss R A
SOURCE: NATURE, (1982 Sep 9) 299 (5879) 171-3.
Journal code: 0410462. ISSN: 0028-0836.
PUB. COUNTRY: ENGLAND: United Kingdom
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AB Morphological transformation of NIH/3T3 cells by **transfection** with DNA has been used to identify transforming sequences in human tumours. Transforming activity has been reported for DNAs isolated from bladder, mammary, colon and lung carcinomas, **neuroblastoma**, lymphoid and myeloid tumours. Each of these tissues seems to contain different transforming sequences except for the colon and lung tumours where the same sequence seems to be involved. We now report that in two different human sarcoma cell lines, a fibrosarcoma and an embryonal rhabdomyosarcoma, the DNAs have transforming activity. The transforming gene is the same in both sarcomas but differs from the activated sequences detected in other tumours. We have also found that the transforming gene has no detectable homology to eight **retrovirus** oncogenes tested.

murine retroviruses via the mH13 product.

L4 ANSWER 66 OF 94 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT 2003 BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS INC.
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1996:286678 BIOSIS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV199699009034
TITLE: Effective immunization against neuroblastoma using double-transduced tumor cells secreting GM-CSF and interferon-gamma.
AUTHOR(S): Bausero, Maria A.; Panoskaltsis-Mortari, Angela; Blazar, Bruce R.; Katsanis, Emmanuel (1)
CORPORATE SOURCE: (1) Univ. Minnesota, 420 Delaware St. S.E., Box 484, Minneapolis, MN 55455 USA
SOURCE: Journal of Immunotherapy with Emphasis on Tumor Immunology, (1996) Vol. 19, No. 2, pp. 113-124.
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AB Murine neuroblastoma, neuro-2a, was transduced with the retroviral vector MFG-granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating factor

(GM-CSF), to examine immune stimulation conferred by localized GM-CSF production. Expression of murine GM-CSF by neuro-2a (N-2a/GM) significantly reduced its tumorigenicity. Moreover, immunization of mice with irradiated N-2a/GM cells resulted in a significant protective effect against live tumor challenge 14 days later. Approximately 41% of mice immunized with irradiated N-2a/GM versus 0% of those vaccinated with irradiated parental tumor survived. Surviving mice were rechallenged

after

50 days with wild-type neuro-2a or with the Sal syngeneic sarcoma to discern whether the generated immunity was durable and tumor specific.

All

mice survived wild-type neuro-2a challenge, whereas none survived inoculation with Sal. Because both CD4+ and CD8+ T cells were necessary during priming to this MHC class I-^{lo}, II- tumor, these data indicate

that

major histocompatibility complex (MHC) class I+, II+ antigen-presenting cells (APCs) were required for the T-cell antitumor response.

Coexpression

of GM-CSF and IFN-gamma, both of which have immunostimulatory activities on antigen-presenting cells, abrogated the tumorigenic potential of this tumor and increased immunogenicity over N-2a/IFN but not N-2a/GM.

Vaccination of mice with preexisting retroperitoneal tumors with irradiated N-2a/GM and irradiated N-2a/IFN/GM improved survival. There

was

a trend for nonirradiated transduced cells to be more immunogenic than their irradiated counterparts. Immunohistochemistry of tissues from the vaccination site revealed a pronounced macrophage infiltration associated with nonirradiated N-2a/GM and N-2a/IFN/GM. These data suggest that vaccination involving nonirradiated neuroblastoma cells transduced with genes that stimulate APCs may be a useful approach in stimulating antitumor T-cell responses.

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DOCUMENT NUMBER: 124:219668

TITLE: Gene therapy for glioblastoma in adult patients: Safety and efficacy evaluation of an in situ

injection of recombinant retroviruses producing cells carrying the thymidine kinase gene of the herpes simplex type 1 virus, to be followed with the administration of ganciclovir

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AB This protocol aims at defining the safety and efficacy of an anticancer treatment for patients with a **glioblastoma** relapse. This treatment, sequentially administered to two different groups of patients in two escalating doses, consists in surgical injections within the surgical margin of the tumoral cavity of cells that produce recombinant **retroviruses**, followed with the administration of ganciclovir (GCV). This therapy is based on the introduction of a suicide gene within

tumoral cells: the thymidine kinase gene from the herpes simplex type 1 (HSV1-TK) virus. This HSV1-TK gene sensitizes the cells to the toxicity of GCV, a drug without toxicity for normal cells, but one that kills those

generating the HSV1-TK enzyme. Such destruction is restricted to dividing

cells. Introducing the gene within tumoral cells is achieved through *in situ* injections of murine fibroblastic cells modified by genetic engineering (M11 cells). The latter constantly produce recombinant **retroviruses** contg. the HSV1-TK gene. Such **retroviruses** can only express their genes when the cells they have infected are in cycle. This is the reason why, once the M11 cells have been injected inside the tumor, the HSV1-TK gene is only expressed by tumoral cells and therefore, they, alone, are killed by GCV. Inversely, the normal cells

of

the surrounding brain tissue can neither be **transduced** nor sensitized to GCV toxicity in as much as they have no mitotic activity. Moreover, tumoral cells that do not express the gene, but are in the immediate vicinity of **transduced** ones, are also killed ("metabolic cooperation" effect, also restricted to dividing cells).

Thus,

it is not necessary for all tumoral cells to express the HSV1 gene in order for them to all be killed. The efficacy of the above therapeutic approach has been evidenced with animals in the treatment of brain tumors,

of colic adenocarcinoma hepatic metastases and of malignant melanoma. A therapeutic trial on recurrent brain tumors or metastases has begun in the

USA, using a similar approach. We propose a stage I-II clin. trial for the treatment of **glioblastoma** in adults. The patients to be included in this study have to show a relapsing **glioblastoma**. In spite of a renewed surgical intervention-the sole possible therapeutic action at this stage, most of the time-the median of survival for such patients does not exceed seven months. M11 cells are injected *in situ* in the wall of the tumoral cavity, after removal is judged macroscopically complete. The injected M11 cell-dose is adjusted to fit the size of the relapsing tumor, a size quantified by means of magnetic resonance (MRI) during the pre-selection period. Two dose-levels are planned with, at the

second level, two extra injections on the 7th and 14th days, using an Ommaya reservoir. The injection of M11 cells is to be followed with a 10mg/kg/day i-v administration of GCV. For each dose-level, the safety and efficacy of the treatment are assessed using Fleming's sequential plan.

L4 ANSWER 68 OF 94 MEDLINE

DUPPLICATE 25

ACCESSION NUMBER: 96159035 MEDLINE

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 96159035 PubMed ID: 8567389

TITLE: Infectious **retrovirus** is inactivated by serum but not by cerebrospinal fluid or fluid from tumor bed in patients with malignant glioma.

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CORPORATE SOURCE: E; Yamada M; Hayakawa T; Ikenaka K
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Center.
SOURCE: JAPANESE JOURNAL OF CANCER RESEARCH, (1995 Nov) 86 (11)
1010-3.
Journal code: 8509412. ISSN: 0910-5050.
PUB. COUNTRY: Japan
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LANGUAGE: English
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AB Intravenous gene transfer using recombinant retroviruses tends to suffer from a low infectious viral titer when conducted in vivo. This is, in part, caused by complement-mediated proteolytic inactivation of the retrovirus in human serum. However, if the retroviruses were directly injected into the brain, they might not be inactivated. Supernatant from amphotropic retrovirus-producing cells harboring the BAG vectors was incubated with sera or cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) of patients with gliomas or unrelated disorders.

The retroviruses were severely inactivated in sera. However, no such inactivation was noted in CSF or fluid from the tumor bed of glioma patients. These data suggest that gene transfer using recombinant retroviruses could be done into the cavity after removal of the tumor in glioma patients.

L4 ANSWER 69 OF 94 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1995:373293 CAPLUS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 122:157495
TITLE: Single cell monitoring of growth arrest and morphological changes induced by transfer of wild-type p53 alleles to glioblastoma cells

AUTHOR(S): Van Meir, Erwin G.; Roemer, Klaus; Diserens, Annie-Claire; Kikuchi, Tetsuro; Rempel, Sandra A.; Haas, Martin; Huang, H.-J. Su; Friedmann, Theodore;

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CORPORATE SOURCE: Tribolot, Nicolas; Cavenee, Webster K.
California, Ludwig Inst. for Cancer Research, Univ. of

SOURCE: San Diego, La Jolla, CA, 92093, USA
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Journal
English

AB Mutation of the p53 tumor suppressor gene is one of the earliest identified genetic lesions during malignant progression of human astrocytomas. To assess the functional significance of these mutations, wild-type (WT) p53 genes were introduced into glioblastoma cell lines having mutant, WT, or null endogenous p53 alleles. Populations of cells with mutant or null endogenous p53 alleles and exogenous WT p53 were

spontaneously selected in culture for cells expressing only mutant p53 or no p53, which then displayed a growth and tumorigenic phenotype identical to the parental cells. To det. the phenotypic consequences of WT p53 expression before the occurrence of mutations, we developed a single cell assay to monitor WT p53-dependent transcription activity.

Transfer and expression of exogenous WT p53 genes to cells with endogenous mutant or deleted, but not WT, p53 alleles caused growth arrest

and morphol. changes, including increased cell size and acquisition of

multiple nuclei. This supports the hypothesis that genetic lesions of the p53 gene play an important role in the genesis of astrocytomas. Furthermore, the high sensitivity of the episomal single cell reporter strategy developed here has potential clin. applications in the rapid screening of patients for germ-line mutations of the p53 gene or any other gene with known targets for transcriptional transactivation.

L4 ANSWER 70 OF 94 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1995:970347 CAPLUS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 124:53321
TITLE: Characteristics and immunomodulatory properties of human neuroblastoma cells after retrovirus-mediated gene transfer of the cytokine genes IL-2 and IFN-.gamma.
AUTHOR(S): Coze, C.; Aalto-Setala, K.; Brenner, M.; Chiang, Y.; Gangavalli, R.; Leimig, T.
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Hematology/Oncology, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN, USA
SOURCE: Transgenics (1995), 1(6), 585-95
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DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal
LANGUAGE: English

AB The authors have studied the feasibility and consequences of transferring the cytokine genes IL-2 and IFN-.gamma. into human neuroblastoma cells to generate cytokine-secreting tumor cell lines for use as in vivo immunogens. Retroviral vectors were used to transduce six neuroblastoma cell lines with NeoR alone or NeoR with IL-2 or IFN-.gamma.. None of the parental or Neo transduced lines secreted either cytokine; the cytokine-transduced lines secreted high levels of the corresponding cytokine after NeoR selection. All NeoR as well as IL-2 lines were morphol. identical to the parental control. However, in three of the five lines successfully transduced with the IFN-.gamma. gene, expression of this cytokine slowed cell growth and induced terminal differentiation. The immunomodulatory effects of each cytokine were different. Cell surface levels of the adhesion mols. ICAM I (CD 54) and LFA3 (CD58) were unaffected by the expression of either cytokine gene, but HLA class I and II mols. on previously neg. cell lines were upregulated by IFN-.gamma.. Co-culture of mononuclear cells with cytokine transduced cell lines showed that IL-2 but not IFN-.gamma. transduced tumor cells increased the proportion of activated (CD3+DR+) and memory cells (CD3+CD45RO+) in the lymphocyte population. Both IL-2 and IFN-.gamma. transduced tumor cells were able to increase cytotoxicity and proliferation against parental tumor lines, but the effect was more striking and more consistent with IL-2. Thus, IFN-.gamma. and IL-2 transduction of human neuroblastoma cells produces distinguishable but potentially complementary effects on immunomodulation of the tumor or of the host immune system. These data form part of the pre-clin. justification supporting current and future tumor vaccine studies using neuroblastoma cells transduced with each cytokine individually and in combination.

L4 ANSWER 71 OF 94 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT 2003 BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS INC.
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1995:186690 BIOSIS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV199598200990
TITLE: Characterization of a human glioblastoma cell line transduced with the cDNA encoding tumor necrosis factor (huTNF-a).
AUTHOR(S): Ioli, G. (1); Tocco, L.; Graff, M.; Cruzen, M.; Santin, A.;

CORPORATE SOURCE: Granger, G.; Jacques, D.; Hiserodt, J.
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California Irvine, Irvine, CA USA
Proceedings of the American Association for Cancer Research

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LANGUAGE: English

L4 ANSWER 72 OF 94 MEDLINE
ACCESSION NUMBER: 95227867 MEDLINE
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 95227867 PubMed ID: 7712334
TITLE: Long-term rat survival after malignant brain tumor regression by retroviral gene therapy.
AUTHOR: Izquierdo M; Cortes M; de Felipe P; Martin V; Diez-Guerra J; Talavera A; Perez-Higueras A
CORPORATE SOURCE: Departamento de Biología Molecular, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Facultad de Ciencias, Spain.
SOURCE: GENE THERAPY, (1995 Jan) 2 (1) 66-9.
Journal code: 9421525. ISSN: 0969-7128.
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AB Total regression of malignant brain tumors was observed in Wistar rats after **retrovirus**-mediated gene therapy. Tumors were induced by inoculation of C6 rat **glioblastoma** cells to a specific location in the rat brain and the tumors that developed were visualized by magnetic

resonance imaging (MR). Retroviral vectors were constructed from a defective murine **retrovirus** to which the thymidine kinase (tk 1) gene from herpes simplex was added (HSV1tk). The vectors produced therapeutic viruses upon their introduction into **retrovirus** packaging cells. Delivery of the producer cells to the tumor mass and subsequent antiherpetic treatment eradicated the tumors completely, as observed using MRI. Some of the treated animals have been followed for over 8 months and show no signs of recurrence.

L4 ANSWER 73 OF 94 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS DUPLICATE 26
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1995:439008 CAPLUS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 122:211573
TITLE: Human class II major histocompatibility complex gene transfer into murine **neuroblastoma** leads to loss of tumorigenicity, immunity against subsequent tumor challenge, and elimination of microscopic pre-established tumors
AUTHOR(S): Hock, Randy A.; Reynolds, Brian D.; Tucker-McClung, Cheryl L.; Kwok, William W.
CORPORATE SOURCE: Herman B. Wells Center for Pediatric Research, Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis, IN, USA
SOURCE: Journal of Immunotherapy with Emphasis on Tumor Immunology (1995), 17(1), 12-18
CODEN: JIEIEZ; ISSN: 1067-5582
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal
LANGUAGE: English
AB Immunol. recognition of transformed cells is critically important to limit

tumor development and proliferation. Because established tumors have escaped immune recognition and elimination, novel strategies to enhance antitumor immunity have been developed. A unique approach has used the introduction of genes encoding major histocompatibility complex (MHC) antigens into tumor cells. Expts. in mice have shown that the expression of syngeneic class II MHC antigens in tumor cells completely abrogates tumorigenicity and induces tumor-specific immunity. In this study the authors sought to det. whether a more effective antitumor immune response would be generated by introducing xenogeneic class II MHC genes into tumor

cells. To address this question the authors used recombinant retroviruses to express human class II MHC genes in a highly malignant murine neuroblastoma cell line, Neuro-2a. The authors found that normal mice inoculated with Neuro-2a expressing the human class

II MHC antigen did not develop tumors and were immune to subsequent challenge with unmodified Neuro-2a cells. In addn., mice bearing small established Neuro-2a tumors were cured by vaccination with Neuro-2a expressing human class II MHC. The authors hypothesize that a similar approach using retroviral-mediated transduction of class II MHC genes into human tumor cells may be an effective alternative to current cancer treatment.

L4 ANSWER 74 OF 94 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 27
ACCESSION NUMBER: 95191764 MEDLINE
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 95191764 PubMed ID: 7885554
TITLE: Bystander tumoricidal effect in the treatment of experimental brain tumors.
AUTHOR: Wu J K; Cano W G; Meylaerts S A; Qi P; Vrionis F; Cherington V
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Neurosurgery, Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston, Massachusetts.
CONTRACT NUMBER: CA44761 (NCI)
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SOURCE: NEUROSURGERY, (1994 Dec) 35 (6) 1094-102; discussion 1102-3.
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AB The retrovirus-mediated transfer of the herpes simplex virus-thymidine kinase (HSV-tk) gene into tumor cells renders them sensitive to the cytotoxic effect of the antiviral drug ganciclovir. This method has shown promising results as a treatment for experimental brain tumors. These experiments indicate that a major mechanism for the effectiveness of HSV-tk retroviral gene therapy may be the bystander tumoricidal effect. The bystander effect was hypothesized to explain tumor

eradication, given that the efficacy of in vivo gene transfer to tumor cells was less than 100%. We demonstrate, in this report, that the bystander tumoricidal effect is a major contributor to the tumoricidal effect of ganciclovir in cell culture experiments using the mouse K1735 C19 cerebral melanoma line, thereby expanding the observation of the bystander phenomenon to a broader range of tumor types. The bystander effect was studied in vitro by coculturing wild-type C19 melanoma cells with HSV-tk-expressing C19 (C19-STK) cells. A maximal tumoricidal effect was seen when only 1 in 10 tumor cells expressed the HSV-tk gene. This suggests that in effect, 1 tumor cell with the HSV-tk gene, when given ganciclovir, will destroy 10 neighboring or bystander cells. The destruction of bystander cells does not appear to be mediated by a soluble

factor(s) released into the media but, rather, requires close cell proximity or cell contact. In addition, HSV-tk-expressing C19 cells can exert an antitumoral effect not only on wild-type C19 cells but also on cells from a variety of different tumor cell lines, including a human glioblastoma multiforme cell line, indicating that the bystander effect is not a cell line-specific phenomenon. Finally, we observed that the bystander tumoricidal effect could be harnessed directly without using

retrovirus-producing cells to increase survival in the mouse C19 brain tumor model. The potential implications of our findings in treating human brain tumors are discussed.

L4 ANSWER 75 OF 94 MEDLINE

ACCESSION NUMBER: 94150653 MEDLINE
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 94150653 PubMed ID: 8107827
TITLE: Glioblastoma growth inhibited in vivo by a dominant-negative Flk-1 mutant.
AUTHOR: Millauer B; Shawver L K; Plate K H; Risau W; Ullrich A
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Molecular Biology, Max-Planck-Institut fur Biochemie, Martinsried, Germany.
SOURCE: NATURE, (1994 Feb 10) 367 (6463) 576-9.
JOURNAL code: 0410462. ISSN: 0028-0836.
PUB. COUNTRY: ENGLAND: United Kingdom
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)
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AB Angiogenesis, the sprouting of capillaries from pre-existing blood vessels, is a fundamental process in the formation of the vascular system during embryonic development. In adulthood, angiogenesis takes place during corpus luteum formation and in pathological conditions such as wound healing, diabetic retinopathy, and tumorigenesis. Vascularization is essential for solid tumour growth and is thought to be regulated by tumour cell-produced factors, which have a chemotactic and mitogenic effect on endothelial cells. Vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF), a homodimeric glycoprotein of relative molecular mass 45,000, is the only mitogen, however, that specifically acts on endothelial cells, and it may be a major regulator of tumour angiogenesis in vivo. Its expression has been shown to be upregulated by hypoxia, and its cell-surface receptor, Flk-1, is exclusively expressed in endothelial cells. Here we investigate the biological relevance of the VEGF/Flk-1 receptor/ligand system for angiogenesis using a retrovirus encoding a dominant-negative mutant of the Flk-1/VEGF receptor to infect endothelial target cells in vivo, and find that tumour growth is prevented in nude mice. Our results emphasize the central role of the Flk-1/VEGF system in angiogenesis in general and in the development of solid tumours in particular.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1995:260589 CAPLUS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 122:29623
TITLE: Immunomodulatory effects of human neuroblastoma cells transduced with a retroviral vector encoding interleukin-2
AUTHOR(S): Leimig, Thasia; Foreman, Nicholas; Rill, Donna; Coze, Carole; Holladay, Martha; Brenner, Malcolm
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Hematology/Oncology, St Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN, 38105, USA
SOURCE: Cancer Gene Therapy (1994), 1(4), 253-8
CODEN: CGTHEG; ISSN: 0929-1903
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal
LANGUAGE: English

AB We have investigated whether retroviral mediated transfer of the IL-2 gene renders human neuroblastoma cells immunogenic,

justifying their use in a clin. tumor immunization study. Fourteen neuroblastoma cell lines were established from patients with disseminated ~~neuroblastoma~~ and transduced with the vector G1Ncv12, which contains the neomycin phosphotransferase gene and the cDNA of the human interleukin-2 gene. Clones secreting >150 pg/10⁶ cells/24 h of IL-2 were selected for further study. Secretion of IL-2 was

maintained for at least 3 wk in nonselective media, implying that prodn. of the cytokine would continue under in vivo conditions. Co-culture of IL-2 transduced cell lines with patient lymphocytes induced potent cytotoxic activity against both transduced and parental neuroblastoma cell lines. This activity was HLA unrestricted, and predominantly mediated by CD16+ or CD56+ and CD8- lymphocytes. These

data

form the preclin. justification for our current immunization protocol for patients with relapsed or resistant **neuroblastoma**.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 94295991 MEDLINE
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 94295991 PubMed ID: 8024195
TITLE: Gene marking and autologous bone marrow transplantation.
AUTHOR: Brenner M K; Rill D R; Moen R C; Krance R A; Heslop H E;
Mirro J Jr; Anderson W F; Ihle J N
CORPORATE SOURCE: Département of Hematology/Oncology, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee 38105.
CONTRACT NUMBER: CA 21765 (NCI)
CA 58211 (NCI)
SOURCE: ANNALS OF THE NEW YORK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, (1994 May 31) 716 204-14; discussion 214-5, 225-7. Ref: 37
Journal code: 7506858. ISSN: 0077-8923.
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AB If residual cancer cells in harvested bone marrow could be marked and subsequently detected in patients at relapse, valuable information would be obtained about the source of recurrent disease after autologous marrow transplantation. If normal progenitor cells were also marked, the study would provide useful data on the susceptibility of these human cells to gene transfer and their capacity to express newly introduced genes. We transferred the neomycin-resistance gene (NeoR) into bone marrow cells harvested from 20 children with acute myeloid leukemia (n = 12) or **neuroblastoma** (n = 8) in clinical and cytological remission using a retrovirus vector. The cells were then returned to the patients as part of an autologous bone marrow transplantation protocol. Two AML and three **neuroblastoma** patients have relapsed. In all, the resurgent cells contained the NeoR marker by analysis with PCR. These results prove that so-called remission marrow can contribute to relapse in patients who receive autologous transplants. The gene marking technique is now being used to evaluate techniques of pretransplant purging.

L4 ANSWER 78 OF 94 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1994:45928 CAPLUS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 120:45928
TITLE: Methods and compositions for gene, tumor, and viral infection therapy and prevention of programmed cell death (apoptosis)
INVENTOR(S): Roizman, Bernard; Chou, Joany
PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Arch Development Corp., USA

SOURCE:

PCT Int. Appl., 95 pp.

CODEN: PIXXD2

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AB Programmed cell death in neurons is prevented or treated by gene therapy using a nonpathogenic vector contg. the .gamma.134.5 gene of herpes simplex virus type 1 (HSV-1), or by treatment with the expression product of this gene, protein ICP34.5, or its functional equivs. The function of .gamma.134.5 is to protect infected nerve cells from shutoff of protein synthesis and consequent programmed cell death, thereby promoting neuronal survival and virus replication and spreading; .gamma.134.5 and ICP34.5 may thus extend the lifetime of nonregenerating neurons in neurodegenerative diseases. The .gamma.134.5 gene and its product also protect neurons and other cells from environmental stresses which may lead to apoptosis, e.g. UV and NGF deprivation. Candidate drugs for extending the viability of cells are screened in **neuroblastoma** cells contg. or lacking the .gamma.134.5 gene by applying such stresses and subsequently measuring the cells' viability. The vector may be HSV-1 or HSV-2 altered by deletion of the ICP4, .alpha.4, or .alpha.0 gene to render it nonpathogenic, an altered **retrovirus**, vaccinia virus, picornavirus, coronavirus, bunyavirus, togavirus, or rhabdovirus, or a multipotent neural cell line. Thus, a mouse cerebellar progenitor cell line was **transduced** with replication-incompetent retroviral vector BAG contg. gene .gamma.134.5, then cocultured with a primary culture of dissocd. neonatal mouse cerebellum cells which were finally injected into newborn mice to prevent neuronal degeneration.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1994:64568 BIOSIS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV199497077568

TITLE: Gene therapy of cancer.

AUTHOR(S): Freeman, Scott M. (1); Zwiebel, James A.

CORPORATE SOURCE: (1) Dep. Lab. Med. Pathol., Div. Transfusion Med., Tulane Univ., New Orleans, LA USA

SOURCE: Cancer Investigation, (1993) Vol. 11, No. 6, pp. 676-688.
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DOCUMENT TYPE: General Review

LANGUAGE: English

AB Retroviral-mediated gene transfer has permitted the development of clinical protocols for the study and treatment of cancer. These protocols can be divided into gene-labeling and gene therapy proposals. Labeling studies include the tracking of tumor infiltrating lymphocytes (TIL) following the administration of those cells, and the detection, at the time of relapse, of tumor cells from transplanted autologous bone marrow. Most gene therapy protocols are designed to induce an immune attack against the tumor by inserting genes into tumor cells themselves. Although uncertainty about the safety of the procedure still exists, gene therapy of cancer holds much promise as an effective treatment modality.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1993:379338 BIOSIS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV199345050763
TITLE: In vivo assessment of therapy on human carcinomas
transduced with STK gene.
AUTHOR(S): Chu, M. Y. W. (1); Lipsky, M. H.; Whartenby, K. A.;
Freeman, S.; Chen, T. M.; Epstein, J.; Forman, E. N.;
Calabresi, P.
CORPORATE SOURCE: (1) Dep. Med., Rhode Island Hosp., Brown Univ.,
Providence,
RI 02903
SOURCE: Proceedings of the American Association for Cancer
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Annual Meeting, (1993) Vol. 34, No. 0, pp. 337.
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1994:10466 BIOSIS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV199497023466
TITLE: Retrovirus mediated transfer of human
p68 kinase gene into human neuroblastoma cells.
AUTHOR(S): Higuchi, Takakazu (1); Williams, Bryan R. G.
CORPORATE SOURCE: (1) Dep. Cancer Biol., Res. Inst., The Cleve. Clin.
Found.,
Cleveland, OH 44195 USA
SOURCE: Journal of Interferon Research, (1993) Vol. 13, No. SUPPL.
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Meeting Info.: Annual Meeting of the ISICR (International
Society for Interferon and Cytokine Research) on the
Interferon System Tokyo, Japan October 24-28, 1993
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L4 ANSWER 82 OF 94 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS DUPLICATE 28
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1992:401942 CAPLUS
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TITLE: Comparison of rabies virus G proteins produced by
cDNA-transfected animal cells that display
either inducible or constitutive expression of the
gene
AUTHOR(S): Morimoto, Kinjiro; Kawai, Akihiko; Mifune, Kumato
CORPORATE SOURCE: Fac. Pharm. Sci., Kyoto Univ., Kyoto, 606, Japan
SOURCE: Journal of General Virology (1992), 73(2), 335-45
CODEN: JGVIAY; ISSN: 0022-1317
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal
LANGUAGE: English
AB A retrovirus expression vector, pZIP-NeoSV(X)1, was used to
introduce a cloned cDNA of the rabies virus G gene into BHK-21 cells and
the NA cell clone originated from the murine neuroblastoma C1300

line. The neomycin resistance gene of the vector was used to isolate several G418-resistant transformants of BHK-21 and NA cells (referred to as G-BHK and G-NA cells, resp.). G-BHK cells constitutively produced G proteins, whereas G-NA cells produced the proteins only when treated with sodium butyrate. G proteins synthesized in these transformants were transported normally to the surface of the cell, but they displayed different electrophoretic mobilities, which were shown to originate from differences in the no. and structure of the carbohydrate moieties of the protein. G-BHK cells produced highly glycosylated and sialylated G proteins, whereas G proteins with less glycosylation and much less sialylation were produced by G-NA cells as obsd. in virus-infected NA and BHK-21 cells, indicating that the glycosylation and sialylation of the G protein depend on the cellular conditions under which the protein was produced. In the absence of sodium butyrate, the G protein was not detectable in G-NA cells either by immunoblot assay or fluorescent antibody staining, but the cells were fairly sensitive to syngeneic rabies

virus-specific cytotoxic T lymphocytes, although the sensitivity was much increased by treatment with sodium butyrate.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 93003506 MEDLINE

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TITLE: Retrovirus-mediated gene transfer as an approach to analyze neuroblastoma relapse after autologous bone marrow transplantation.

AUTHOR: Rill D R; Buschle M; Foreman N K; Bartholomew C; Moen R C; Santana V M; Ihle J N; Brenner M K

CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Hematology/Oncology, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN 38101.

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AB Disseminated **neuroblastoma** is a malignancy of children often treated by intensive chemotherapy/radiotherapy followed by autologous bone

marrow transplantation (ABMT). A high proportion of those treated subsequently relapse. It is unknown if relapse is a consequence of residual disease in the patient or of contaminating malignant cells remaining in the infused marrow, which, of necessity, is harvested and stored prior to ablative chemotherapy/radiotherapy. The assumption that residual cells in the infused marrow contribute to relapse has led to the

adoption of marrow purging prior to reinfusion. However, neither the necessity nor the efficacy of the procedure have been established. We now show how retroviral-mediated gene transfer using the LNL6 vector may resolve this issue. Clonogenic **neuroblastoma** cells in patient marrow can be transduced and the NEOR gene detected by observing individual **neuroblastoma** cell colony growth in G418, and by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) of individual colonies. Efficiency of transduction is between 0 and 13.5%. If marrow is exposed to LNL6 prior to infusion and marked cells are detected at the time of relapse, this would demonstrate that infused marrow contributed to disease

recurrence. The technique could then be used to analyze the efficacy of marrow purging techniques. Since normal progenitor cells from these patients are also marked, the technique can be used to study factors that

in glioma or fibroblast cells. Deletion studies revealed that the proximal 193-base pair region, which contains the downstream transcription

initiation site but not the upstream site, is essential for the Math3 promoter activity and can direct efficient expression in neuroblastoma cells. In contrast, retrovirus-mediated promoter anal. demonstrated that a region further upstream is addnl. necessary for retinal expression. These results indicate that Math3 promoter contains two essential regulatory regions, the proximal 193-base pair region, which confers efficient neural-specific expression, and a region further up-stream, required for retinal expression.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999:10247 CAPLUS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 130:151527

TITLE: A constitutively active epidermal growth factor receptor cooperates with disruption of G1 cell-cycle arrest pathways to induce glioma-like lesions in mice Holland, Eric C.; Hively, Wendy P.; DePinho, Ronald A.; Varmus, Harold E.

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DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal

LANGUAGE: English

AB The epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) gene is amplified or mutated in 30%-50% of human glioblastoma multiforme (GBM). These mutations are assocd. usually with deletions of the INK4a-ARF locus, which

encodes two gene products (p16INK4a and p19ARF) involved in cell-cycle arrest and apoptosis. We have investigated the role of EGFR mutation in gliomagenesis, using avian retroviral vectors to transfer a mutant EGFR gene to glial precursors and astrocytes in transgenic mice expressing tv-a, a gene encoding the retrovirus receptor TVA, under control of brain cell type-specific promoters. We demonstrate that expression of a constitutively active, mutant form of EGFR in cells in the

glial lineage can induce lesions with many similarities to human gliomas. These lesions occur more frequently with gene transfer to mice expressing tv-a from the progenitor-specific nestin promoter than to mice expressing tv-a from the astrocyte-specific glial fibrillary acidic protein (GFAP) promoter, suggesting that tumors arise more efficiently from immature cells in the glial lineage. Furthermore, EGFR-induced gliomagenesis appears to require addnl. mutations in genes encoding proteins involved in cell-cycle arrest pathways. We have produced these combinations by simultaneously infecting tv-a transgenic mice with vectors

carrying cdk4 and EGFR or by infecting tv-a transgenic mice bearing a disrupted INK4a-ARF locus with the EGFR-carrying vector alone. Moreover, EGFR-induced gliomagenesis does not occur in conjunction with p53 deficiency, unless the mice are also infected with a vector carrying cdk4.

The gliomagenic combinations of genetic lesions required in mice are similar to those found in human gliomas.

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L4 ANSWER 50 OF 94 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS DUPLICATE 18
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998:778563 CAPLUS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 130:133798
TITLE: A phase I/II study of herpes simplex virus type 1 thymidine kinase "suicide" gene therapy for recurrent glioblastoma
AUTHOR(S): Klatzmann, David; Valery, Charles A.; Bensimon, Gilbert; Marro, Beatrice; Boyer, Olivier; Mokhtari, Karima; Diquet, Bertrand; Salzmann, Jean-Loup; Philippon, Jacques
CORPORATE SOURCE: The Study Group on Gene Therapy for Glioblastoma, Department of Immunology, Hopital Pitie-Salpetriere, Paris, 75651, Fr.
SOURCE: Human Gene Therapy (1998), 9(17), 2595-2604
CODEN: HGTHE3; ISSN: 1043-0342
PUBLISHER: Mary Ann Liebert, Inc.
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal
LANGUAGE: English
AB Despite extensive surgery for glioblastoma, residual tumor cells always lead to relapse. Gene therapy based on retrovirus-mediated gene transfer of herpes simplex virus type 1 thymidine kinase (HSV-1 TK), which specifically sensitizes dividing cells to ganciclovir (GCV) toxicity, may help eradicate such cells. During glioblastoma surgery, HSV-1 TK retroviral vector-producing cells (M11) were injected into the surgical cavity margins after tumor debulking. After a 7-day transduction period, GCV was administered for 14 days. Safety was assessed by clin. and lab. evaluations, and efficacy was assessed by MRI-based relapse-free survival at month 4 and by overall survival. Twelve patients with recurrent glioblastoma were treated without serious adverse events related to M11 cell administration or GCV. Quality of life was not neg. influenced by this treatment. Overall median survival was 206 days, with 25% of the patients surviving longer than 12 mo. At 4 mo after treatment, 4 of 12 patients had no recurrence; their median overall survival was 528 days, compared with 194 days for patients with recurrence (p = 0.03 by the log rank test). One patient is still free of detectable recurrence, steroid free and independent, 2.8 yr after treatment. Thus, brain injections of M11 retroviral vector-producing cells for glioblastoma HSV-1 TK gene therapy were well tolerated and assocd. with significant therapeutic responses. These results warrant further development of this therapeutic strategy in brain tumor, including recurrent glioblastoma.
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L4 ANSWER 51 OF 94 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS DUPLICATE 19
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998:607516 CAPLUS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 129:339526
TITLE: In vitro and in vivo effects of retrovirus-mediated transfer of the connexin 43 gene in malignant gliomas: consequences for HSVtk/GCV anticancer gene therapy
AUTHOR(S): Cirenei, N.; Colombo, B. M.; Mesnil, M.; Benedetti, S.; Yamasaki, H.; Finocchiaro, G.
CORPORATE SOURCE: Istituto Nazionale Neurologico C Besta, Divisione di Biochimica e Genetica, Unita di Neuro-Oncologia Molecolare e Terapia Genica, Milan, 20133, Italy
SOURCE: Gene Therapy (1998), 5(9), 1221-1226
CODEN: GETHEC; ISSN: 0969-7128
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DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal
LANGUAGE: English

AB In tumors, gap junctional intercellular communication (GJIC) is usually down-regulated and the expression of connexins, membrane proteins constituting gap junction channels, is often low or altered. GJIC, allowing the intercellular diffusion of ganciclovir (GCV) triphosphate, is also one mediator of the "bystander effect", the phenomenon by which herpes simplex virus thymidine kinase (HSVtk)-transduced, neoplastic cells kill surrounding HSVtk-neg. cells when treated with GCV. The authors set up expts. to evaluate the effects of retrovirus-mediated in vivo gene transfer of connexin 43 in malignancies with low GJIC capacity. The authors found that U-87 human glioblastoma cells transfected in vitro by the human Cx43 cDNA grow more slowly than control U-87 cells and lose their tumorigenicity when injected s.c. in nude mice. When the Cx43 gene was transduced in vitro in U-87 cells by a retroviral producer cell line (N3.2.ii, titer 1.5 .times. 10⁶ c.f.u./mL) in vivo results were similar. However, only when U-87 cells were co-injected with N3.2.ii cells in nude mice in a 1:5 ratio, a 50% redn. in tumor size was obtained during the first 3 wk. Moreover the coinjection of U-87 cells with N3.2.ii and SBA cells (a retroviral producer cell line expressing the HSVtk gene), was not able to potentiate the effects of GCV administration, suggesting that Cx43 gene transfer requires more efficient vectors to increase the bystander effect in vivo.

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L4 ANSWER 52 OF 94 MEDLINE
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999081926 MEDLINE
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 99081926 PubMed ID: 9863029
TITLE: Use of gene marking technologies in oncology.
AUTHOR: Brenner M
CORPORATE SOURCE: Center for Cell and Gene Therapy, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas 77030, USA.
SOURCE: FORUM, (1998 Oct-Dec) 8 (4) 342-53. Ref: 67
Journal code: 9315183. ISSN: 1121-8142.
PUB. COUNTRY: Italy
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)
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AB Investigation of the mechanism of relapse in patients receiving stem cell rescue as therapy for malignant disease has been facilitated by gene marking studies. These studies have shown the marker gene to be present in malignant cells in the patient at the time of relapse, indicating that infused stem cells can contribute to disease recurrence. As normal progenitor cells are also marked and can be tracked in vivo, these studies

have also helped us learn how haemopoietic stem cells respond to manipulation, for example with growth factors. Second generation studies with multiple, modified vectors are beginning to provide information about

a wider variety of clinical and biological issues, including the efficacy of purging. Although marker studies have been useful for haematological malignancy and for neuroblastoma, they are hampered by the low efficiency of marking achieved by retroviral vectors. For many malignancies, marking efficiencies are insufficient for useful information

to be obtained. This problem may be overcome by the introduction of vectors that, unlike retroviruses, can stably integrate in cells that are not in **cycle** at the time of vector exposure. Other improvements will focus on the marker genes themselves, using marker elements that are simpler to track and will not produce any modification of the cells' behaviour. Finally, marker studies have proved safe so far, but follow-up of the treated patients continues.

L4 ANSWER 53 OF 94 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT 2003 BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS INC.
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999:97853 BIOSIS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV199900097853
TITLE: Gene transfer: A review of methods and applications.
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SOURCE: Pathology, (Nov., 1998) Vol. 30, No. 4, pp. 335-347.
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DOCUMENT TYPE: General Review
LANGUAGE: English

AB Gene transfer is a potentially powerful tool for the treatment of a wide variety of diseases. The transfer of these genes is achieved by utilizing a variety of vectors, including retroviral, adenoviral, adeno-associated virus (AAV) and a number of non-viral mechanisms. Numerous studies have successfully demonstrated transduction of genes into target cells with a variety of vectors, and have provided 'proof-in-principle' that gene transfer can result in prolonged in vivo expression of transduced genes, albeit at low quantities. Furthermore, gene marking studies in acute myeloblastic leukemia (AML), chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) and neuroblastoma have elegantly demonstrated that gene-marked tumor cells contribute to relapse following autologous transplantation. However none of the studies examining the therapeutic benefit of gene therapy has definitively demonstrated a clinically meaningful benefit. Nonetheless, the results of studies involving gene transfer for severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID), chronic granulomatous disease (CGD), melanoma and lung cancer highlight the potential benefit of this strategy.

This review will discuss mechanisms of achieving gene transfer into target cells. It will examine some of the pre-clinical and clinical results to date and will discuss some of the potential uses of gene transfer for therapeutic purposes.

L4 ANSWER 54 OF 94 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS DUPLICATE 20
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998:403765 CAPLUS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 129:180024
TITLE: Cancer gene therapy using suicide genes
AUTHOR(S): Berenstein, Mariana; Adris, Soraya; Ledda, Fernanda; Wolfmann, Claudia; Medina, Jorge; Bravo, Alicia; Mordoh, Jose; Chernajovsky, Yuti; Podhajcer, Osvaldo L.
CORPORATE SOURCE: Fundacion Campomar, Univ. Buenos Aires, Argent.
SOURCE: Medicina (Buenos Aires) (1998), 58(2), 185-188
CODEN: MEDCAD; ISSN: 0025-7680
PUBLISHER: Sociedad Argentina de Investigacion Clinica
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal
LANGUAGE: Spanish

AB Tumor cells transfected with retrovirus carrying the herpes simplex-1 virus thymidine kinase (HSV-tk) are capable of transforming the antiviral drug ganciclovir (GCV) into a metabolic form only toxic to dividing cells. The efficacy of this suicide gene therapy is increased by a "bystander" effect resulting not only in the death of the recipient cell, but also in the death of non modified surrounding cells. Even though the mechanism of this "bystander" effect remains to be

elucidated, strong evidence suggest that the immune system plays a main role to achieve complete tumor eradication. In the present study we evaluate the efficiency of this suicide system on the three different tumor models: one human melanoma, one murine melanoma, and a rat glioblastoma. Tumors were established by injection of tumor cells s.c. in nude and C57BL/6 mice, resp., and stereotactically into the brain of Sprague Dawley rats. Animals in the treated group were co-injected with packaging cells producing recombinant retrovirus carrying the HSV-tk gene, and followed by i.p. administration of GCV. In short term studies, we observed inhibition of tumor growth for all the tumor models

evaluated ($p < 0.01$). In long term studies, using the C6 rat glioma line,

50% of the animals survived longer than 75 days ($p < 0.0001$), and were able to reject a contralateral challenge with C6 parental cells. Histol. and immunohistochem. anal. showed the presence of an inflammatory infiltrate composed by T lymphocytes, macrophages and polymorphonuclear cells. These data demonstrate that suicide genes might represent an attractive form of cancer gene therapy in the treatment of brain tumors and their intracerebral dissemination.

L4 ANSWER 55 OF 94 MEDLINE

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998101689 MEDLINE

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 98101689 PubMed ID: 9440739

TITLE: Phase I trial of retroviral-mediated transfer of the human MDR1 gene as marrow chemoprotection in patients undergoing high-dose chemotherapy and autologous stem-cell transplantation.

AUTHOR: Hesdorffer C; Ayello J; Ward M; Kaubisch A; Vahdat L; Balmaceda C; Garrett T; Fetell M; Reiss R; Bank A; Antman

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Journal code: 8309333. ISSN: 0732-183X.

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AB PURPOSE: Normal bone marrow cells have little or no expression of the MDR p-glycoprotein product and, therefore, are particularly susceptible to killing by MDR-sensitive drugs, such as vinca alkaloids, anthracyclines, podophyllins, and paclitaxel and its congeners. Here we report the results

of a phase I clinical trial that tested the safety and efficacy of transfer of the human multiple drug resistance (MDR1, MDR) gene into hematopoietic stem cells and progenitors in bone marrow as a means of

providing resistance of these cells to the toxic effects of cancer chemotherapy. PATIENTS AND METHODS: Up to one third of the harvested cells

of patients who were undergoing autologous bone marrow transplantation as part of a high-dose chemotherapy treatment for advanced cancer were transduced with an MDR cDNA-containing retrovirus; these transduced cells were reinfused together with unmanipulated cells after chemotherapy. RESULTS: High-level MDR transduction of

erythroid burst-forming unit (BFU-E) and colony-forming unit-granulocyte macrophage (CFU-GM) derived from transduced CD34+ cells was shown posttransplantation and prereinfusion. However, only two of the five patients showed evidence of MDR transduction of their marrow at a low level at 10 weeks and 3 weeks, respectively, posttransplantation. The cytokine-stimulated transduced cells may be out-competed in repopulation by unmanipulated normal cells that are reinfused concomitantly. The MDR retroviral supernatant that was used was shown to be free of replication-competent retrovirus (RCR) before use, and all tests of patients' samples posttransplantation were negative for RCR. In addition, no adverse events with respect to marrow engraftment or other problems related to marrow transplantation were encountered.

CONCLUSION: These results indicate the feasibility and safety of bone marrow gene therapy with a potentially therapeutic gene, the MDR gene.

L4 ANSWER 56 OF 94 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS DUPLICATE 21
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998:62012 CAPLUS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 128:212789
TITLE: Restoration of growth arrest by p16INK4, p21WAF1,
pRB,
and p53 is dependent on the integrity of the
endogenous cell-cycle control pathways in human
glioblastoma cell lines
AUTHOR(S): Costanzi-Strauss, Eugenia; Strauss, Bryan E.;
Naviaux,
CORPORATE SOURCE: Robert K.; Haas, Martin
Cancer Center, University of California, San Diego,
San Diego, CA, 92093-0063, USA
SOURCE: Experimental Cell Research (1998), 238(1), 51-62
CODEN: ECREAL; ISSN: 0014-4827
PUBLISHER: Academic Press
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal
LANGUAGE: English

AB The aim of this study was to demonstrate that the induction of growth arrest in human **glioblastoma** multiforme (GBM) cell lines by retrovirus-mediated transduction of growth control genes was dependent upon the integrity of specific endogenous control pathways. The authors assessed the status of the endogenous p16INK4A, p21CIP1, pRB, or p53 genes in eight GBM lines. As expected, the authors found varied combinations of gene defects. The outcome of transducing five of these cell lines with p16INK4A, p21CIP1, pRB, or p53 genes was not entirely predictable. The growth-inhibitory effects mediated by the transfer of the gene encoding p16 was dependent on the presence of the pRB protein, but was independent of p53 status. P21, a broadly active

CDK inhibitor and a strong inducer of growth arrest, was not a universal growth suppressor in the group of **glioblastoma** cell lines analyzed. The suppression of GBM cell proliferation by viruses encoding pRB or p53 was generally predictable and appeared to be independent of the status of either p16 or p21. Suppression of cell growth was assessed by a colony formation assay, by observance of alterations in morphol., and by cell viability staining for trypan blue exclusion. The authors findings suggest that to accomplish the suppression of GBM cell proliferation by the transduction of these cell-cycle control genes, the status of endogenous cell-cycle control genes must be taken into account.

L4 ANSWER 57 OF 94 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1997:285874 CAPLUS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 127:351
TITLE: Functional expression of human p21WAF1/CIP1 gene in rat glioma cells suppresses tumor growth in vivo and induces radiosensitivity
AUTHOR(S): Hsiao, Michael; Tse, Victor; Carmel, Jason; Costanzi, Eugenia; Strauss, Bryan; Haas, Martin; Silverberg,

CORPORATE SOURCE: Gerald D.
Department of Neurosurgery, Stanford University
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SOURCE: Biochemical and Biophysical Research Communications
(1997), 233(2), 329-335
CODEN: BBRCA9; ISSN: 0006-291X
PUBLISHER: Academic
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal
LANGUAGE: English

AB This study reports the successful growth suppression of a rat glioblastoma model (RT-2) both in vitro and in vivo by the insertion of p21WAF1/CIP1, a neg. cell cycle regulatory gene, into the tumor cells. Greater than 95% of the tumor cells expressed p21 protein after being infected with pCL based p21 retrovirus at 4.times.M.O.I. (multiplicity of infection). The p21-infected cells showed a 91% redn. in colony forming efficiency and a 66% redn. in growth rate. More prominent p21 staining was found in cells exhibiting histol.

evidence of senescence. Intracranial implantation of the infected cells showed complete disappearance of the p21-infected cells at day 10 and long-term survival of the animals compared to controls. Injection of pCLp21 virus into tumor established in situ showed tumor necrosis and gene expression. In a clonogenic radiation survival assay, a 93% redn. of surviving colonies of p21-infected cells was seen in comparison to vector-infected control cells and to p53-infected cells after exposure to 8 Gy (800 rads).

L4 ANSWER 58 OF 94 MEDLINE
ACCESSION NUMBER: 97377825 MEDLINE
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 97377825 PubMed ID: 9233425
TITLE: Gene therapy in brain tumours: implications of the size of glioblastoma on its curability.
AUTHOR: Izquierdo M; Cortes M L; Martin V; de Felipe P; Izquierdo J
CORPORATE SOURCE: M; Perez-Higueras A; Paz J F; Isla A; Blazquez M G
Departamento de Biología Molecular/Centro de Biología Molecular Severo Ochoa, Facultad de Ciencias, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Cantoblanco, Spain.
SOURCE: ACTA NEUROCHIRURGICA. SUPPLEMENTUM, (1997) 68 111-7.
Journal code: 0140560. ISSN: 0065-1419.
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DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)
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AB The authors have used the thymidine kinase/ganciclovir system to block glioblastoma multiforme neoplastic cells in vivo, both in experimental animals and in two patients in which the more conventional therapies had been unsuccessful. In the Wistar rat it was found that the curability potential of the system is correlated with tumoral volume. Tumours smaller than 20 mm³ can be cured with defective retrovirus that do not carry the Herpes simplex thymidine kinase (Hsvtk) gene. While tumours smaller than 150 mm³ can regress totally by the kinase/ganciclovir

system, those above that size cannot be cured by this treatment. In humans

the situation seems very similar in that the authors have been unable either to reduce the tumour size of recurrent patients with tumour volumes

larger than 100 cm² applying the standard thymidine kinase/ganciclovir gene therapy or to prolong their survival time more than 8 months [7]. When a combination of size reduction by neurosurgery and gene therapy was

used the survival time increased considerably. Two patients have been treated by partial surgery and repeated treatment with thymidine kinase/ganciclovir through an Ommaya reservoir connected to a catheter leading into the tumour cavity. The magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) of these patients show only a residual tumoral growth along side the tumoral bed. The procedure may be partially controlling the proliferation of cancerous cells, because, these two patients having recurrent glioblastoma, are alive 11 and 17 months after the beginning of the treatment.

L4 ANSWER 59 OF 94 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS DUPLICATE 22
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1996:433211 CAPLUS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 125:106189
TITLE: The pCL vector system: rapid production of helper-free, high-titer, recombinant retroviruses
AUTHOR(S): Naviaux, Robert K.; Costanzi, Eugenia; Haas, Martin; Verma, Inder M.
CORPORATE SOURCE: Laboratory Genetics, Salk Institute, San Diego, CA, 92186, USA
SOURCE: Journal of Virology (1996), 70(8), 5701-5705
CODEN: JOVIAM; ISSN: 0022-538X
PUBLISHER: American Society for Microbiology
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal
LANGUAGE: English
AB We describe the construction and characterization of retroviral vectors and packaging plasmids that produce helper-free **retrovirus** with titers of 1 .times. 10⁶ to 5 .times. 10⁶ within 48 h. These vectors contain the immediate early region of the human cytomegalovirus enhancer-promoter fused to the Moloney murine leukemia virus long terminal repeat at the TATA box in the 5' U3 region, yielding the pCL promoter.
By selecting vectors designed to express genes from one of four promoters (dihydrofolate reductase, Rous sarcoma virus, long terminal repeat, or cytomegalovirus), the pCL system permits the investigator to control the level of gene expression in target cells over a 100-fold range, while maintaining uniformly high titers of virus from transiently transfected producer cells. The pCL packaging plasmids lack a packaging signal (.DELTA..psi.) and include an added safety modification that renders them self-inactivating through the deletion of the 3' U3 enhancer. Ecotropic, amphotropic (4070A), and amphotropic-mink cell focus-forming hybrid (10A1) envelope constructions have been prep'd. and tested, permitting flexible selection of vector pseudotype in accordance with exptl. needs. Vector supernatants are free of helper virus and are of sufficiently high titer within 2 days of transient **transfection** in 293 cells to permit infection of more than 50% of randomly cycling target cells in culture. We demonstrated the efficacy of these vectors by using them to **transfer** three potent cell cycle control genes (the p16INK4A, p53, and Rb1 genes) into human **glioblastoma** cells.

L4 ANSWER 60 OF 94 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS DUPLICATE 23
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1996:742784 CAPLUS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 126:30060
TITLE: Retrovirus-mediated gene transfer of B7-1 and MHC class II converts a poorly immunogenic **neuroblastoma** into a highly immunogenic one
AUTHOR(S): Heuer, Josef G.; Tucker-McClung, Cheryl; Gonin, Rene; Hock, Randy A.
CORPORATE SOURCE: School Medicine, Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN,
46202, USA
SOURCE: Human Gene Therapy (1996), 7(17), 2059-2068

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AB The T cell co-stimulatory mol. B7-1 was transduced into a poorly immunogenic murine neuroblastoma cell line (Neuro-2a, N-2a) alone or in combination with MHC class II genes to test the ability of these genes to stimulate antitumor immunity. N-2a cells transduced with B7-1 exhibited reduced tumorigenicity, whereas N-2a cells overexpressing both MHC class II (syngeneic, I-A.kappa.) and B7-1 totally abrogated tumorigenicity. Rejection of I-A.kappa./B7-1 cells was dependent on both CD4+ and CD8+ T cells. The ability of both vaccines to induce protection against parental N-2a was temporally dependent on the time of secondary N-2a challenge. To investigate the immunity generated by N-2a/B7-1 and N-2a/I-A.kappa./B7-1 vaccines, we tested the ability of these modified cells to stimulate in vitro the proliferation of syngeneic splenocytes from naive mice. A significant increase in splenocyte proliferation was obsd. with N-2a/I-A.kappa./B7-1 cells compared to N-2a cells. We also detd. that vaccination with N-2a/I-A.kappa./B7-1 cells was able to generate cytotoxic T cell responses to unmodified N-2a cells. The introduction of B7-1 and I-A.kappa. into N-2a was able to convert a poorly immunogenic tumor to a highly immunogenic one; however, mice bearing large established unmodified tumors had little response to vaccination with N-2a/I-A.kappa./B7-1 cells. Our results emphasize the importance of tumor immunogenicity in the treatment of established tumors with MHC class II/B7-1 tumor cell vaccines.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1996:489656 BIOSIS
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 TITLE: Treatment of C6 glioma by in situ retrovirus transfer of a "suicide" gene using an encapsulated packaging cell line.
 AUTHOR(S): Padrun, V. (1); Martinet, O. (1); Schreyer, N. (1); Joseph,
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 CORPORATE SOURCE: (1) Gene Therapy Cent., CHUV, Lausanne Univ., Lausanne Switzerland
 SOURCE: Society for Neuroscience Abstracts, (1996) Vol. 22, No. 1-3, pp. 766.
 Meeting Info.: 26th Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience Washington, D.C., USA November 16-21, 1996
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 DOCUMENT TYPE: Conference
 LANGUAGE: English

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 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 96381785 PubMed ID: 8789798
 TITLE: Human malignant brain tumor response to herpes simplex thymidine kinase (HSVtk)/ganciclovir gene therapy.
 AUTHOR: Izquierdo M; Martin V; de Felipe P; Izquierdo J M; Perez-Higueras A; Cortes M L; Paz J F; Isla A; Blazquez M
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 CORPORATE SOURCE: Departamento de Biologia Molecular/Centro de Biologia Molecular Severo Ochoa, Facultad de Ciencias (modulo-C-X), Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, Spain.
 SOURCE: GENE THERAPY, (1996 Jun) 3 (6) 491-5.

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AB Growing cells from human brain tumors have been treated in vitro and in vivo with murine therapeutic retroviral producer cells. The therapeutic **retrovirus** carried the potential suicide gene thymidine kinase (tk) from the herpes simplex virus (HSV). After a few days, in which a large proportion of the tumoral cells had the opportunity to acquire a copy of the **retrovirus**, treatment with ganciclovir was initiated and considered responsible for considerable cell death both in vitro and in vivo. The in vivo experiments were performed in five adult patients who had failed standard therapy and were expected to survive only a few weeks.

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TITLE: Recombinant virus-mediated **transfer** of the wild-type p53 gene is a potent therapeutic strategy against various types of human cancer.
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AB Malignant tumors express tumor-related antigens, but effective antitumor immunity does not occur in the primary host. One hypothesis is that there is insufficient stimulation of T-cell responses due to ineffective antigen presentation. An approach to overcome these deficiencies is to modify

tumor cells to express major histocompatibility complex (MHC) class II genes and thus facilitate the presentation of antigens directly by tumor cells. Our expt. with a murine neuroblastoma cell line (neuro-2a) transduced with DR (xenogeneic), I-Ab (allogeneic), or I-Ak (syngeneic) MHC class II genes support this notion. The relative potencies of the modified neuro-2a to induce immunity to unmodified neuro-2a were neuro-2a/DR > neuro-2a/I-Ab > neuro-2a/I-Ak. Modified neuro-2a also could stimulate naive splenocyte proliferation in vitro. The relative magnitude of the proliferative responses seen after stimulation with modified tumor cells was neuro-2a/DR > neuro-2a/I-Ab > neuro-2a/I-Ak > unmodified neuro-2a. Hence, the tumor cell-induced splenocyte proliferative responses obsd. in vitro correlate with the effectiveness of the tumor cell vaccines to induce antitumor immunity in vivo. These data show that the expression of exogenous MHC class II on tumor cells is a potent stimulus for specific antitumor immunity.

Because

of the correlation of the in vivo and in vitro immune responses to modified tumor cells, the tumor-induced lymphocyte proliferation assay may

be useful in evaluating tumor cell vaccines produced by addnl. genetic modifications of tumor cells.

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AB The construction of a new retroviral vector, pSKV, is described. This
vector carries 2 unique cloning sites, located between 2 Moloney leukemia
virus-derived LTR, into which genes of interest may be introduced. The
gene encoding hygromycin resistance (HyR) was subsequently introduced
into one of the two sites, producing a second vector (pSKV/HyR) contg. a
unique SfiI site for the introduction of cDNA clones under the control of the
cytomegalovirus (CMV) promoter (P-CMV). The cDNA (mH13), encoding a
protein that has been shown to serve as a murine ecotropic retroviral
receptor in transient assays, was cloned into the SfiI site
(pSKV/HyR/mH13). Both constructs can be packaged into retroviral
particles following transfection into an appropriate packaging
cell line. Stable transfecants of the human
glioblastoma cell line (U118MG) carrying each of these 2
constructs were generated by transfection and subsequent Hy
selection. Clones expressing both the selectable marker and the mH13
gene, but not those expressing only the selectable marker, are
susceptible to infection with murine ecotropic retroviral particles. These cells
(HyR and mH13 pos.) were then exposed to CRE/Xtk culture supernatant, a
packaging cell line producing ecotropic retroviral particles carrying the
HSV-TK (Herpes simplex virus-thymidine kinase) and neoR
(neomycin-resistance) genes. Selection was in the presence of G418. In
vitro growth of the U118MG/HyR/mH13/TK cells, but not that of the
U118MG/HyR/mH13 cells, was inhibited by ganciclovir (GCV), indicating the
successful transfer of HSV-TK by infection of human cells with